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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORTS WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

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DAREN HILL, 37, of the 3300 block of Michigan, St. Louis, was sentenced to 200 months in prison, without parole on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Hill was sentenced under the armed career criminal statute.

MARCUS MOORE, a/k/a MARCUS STIDMAN, 20, of the 1500 block of Cochran, St. Louis, was sentenced to 120 months in prison, without parole on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm, one felony count of distribution marijuana, one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and one felony count of carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

DAJUAN LESTER, 26, of the 7500 block of Balfour, St. Louis, 63133, was sentenced to 60 months

in prison, without parole on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

JEROME CALVIN JOHNSON, 19, of the 4200 block of Harris, St. Louis, 63115, was sentenced to 24 months in prison, without parole, on one felony count of receipt of a firearm while under indictment.

MARTIN SHELTON, JR. 25, of the 5600 block of Miller, Place, St. Louis, 63136, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm and one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. Shelton now faces a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and/or fines up to \$2,000,000. Sentencing has been set for March 2005.